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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1371

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 1859

BEIRUT FOR RCAA AND COMATT

LONDON FOR RCAA L. DWOR AT FARNSBOROUGH AIRSHOW

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TAGS: EAIR, ETRD, SY

SUBJ: SYRIA; CIVAIR - SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

REF: DAMASCUS 1777

1. DURING SEPT 4 CALL ON GEN NAJI JAMIL, COMMANDER, SYRIAN AIR FORCE, AND CHAIRMAN OF SARG SPECIAL AIRCRAFT SELECTION COMMITTEE, TO PRESENT CESSNA CITATION 500 MATERIAL (SEPTTEL), JAMIL RESPONDED TO INQUIRIES OF DCM AND NEW ECONOMIC OFFICER CONCERNING WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT PURCHASE FOR SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES. ALTHOUGH JAMIL DID NOT INDICATE THAT ANY FIRM SYRIAN DECISION HAD YET BEEN TAKEN ON THIS PURCHASE, HE DID NOTE SARG WAS STILL WAITING FOR FINANCING FROM ABU DHABI. WHILE SUCH FINANCING EXPECTED, JAMIL SAID THERE WAS STILL A QUESTION AS TO HOW MUCH WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

2. COMMENT: WITHOUT FIRM FINANCING FIGURE, SARG MAY  
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BE HOLDING OFF DECISION IN FAVOR OF AIRBUS (REFTEL).

IN ANY EVENT, THIS IS FIRST MENTION WE HAVE HEARD AS TO  
QUESTIONING AMOUNT OF MONEY ABU DHABI IS TO MAKE AVAIL-  
ABLE, AS HERETOFORE FIGURE USED APPARENTLY WITH SOME  
AUTHORITY HAD BEEN DOLLARS 100 MILLION. WHILE HARDLY  
A STRONG PEG FOR LOCKHEED'S HAT, WE BELIEVE LOCKHEED/  
BEIRUT SHOULD BE INFORMED OF JAMIL'S COMMENT.  
EMBASSY ABU DHABI MAY ALSO WISH TO COMMENT ON FINANCING  
ASPECT IN CASE AIRBUS SUPPORTERS HAVE LEFT DOOR  
AJAR SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY.  
MURPHY

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